

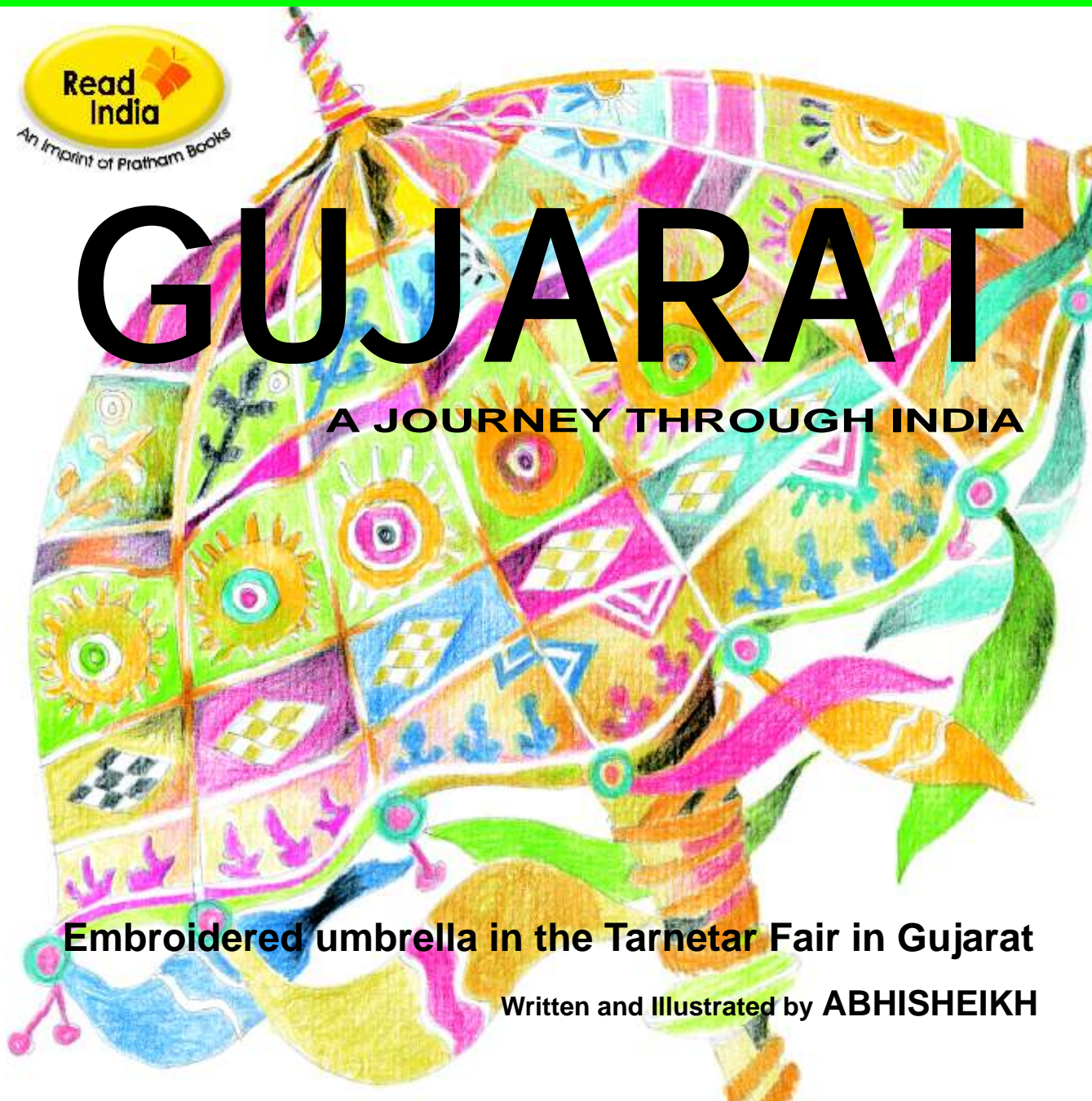


# GUJARAT

A JOURNEY THROUGH INDIA

Embroidered umbrella in the Tarnetar Fair in Gujarat

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**Gujarat** is a border state of India. It is also known as Gujjar Rashtra. Gujjars are a migrant tribe which came to India in the 5<sup>th</sup> century and settled here.



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**A boy wearing a regional costume.**

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**Gujarati is the language spoken in Gujarat and these are Gujarati alphabets.**



A girl wearing a traditional dress.





**Folk art and craft from Gujarat is very colorful. Embroidery and tie and dye are done mainly in Saurashtra and Kutch. In the villages, you can find beautiful clay craft. Exotic clay relief and mirror inlay work are commonly found in homes all over rural Gujarat.**





**Gujarat had many royal kingdoms. Palaces like  
Kusumvillas and Baroda Palace tell stories of its royal past.**



**Kathputlis (wooden puppets) are an important form of entertainment in rural fairs and festivals of Gujarat.**





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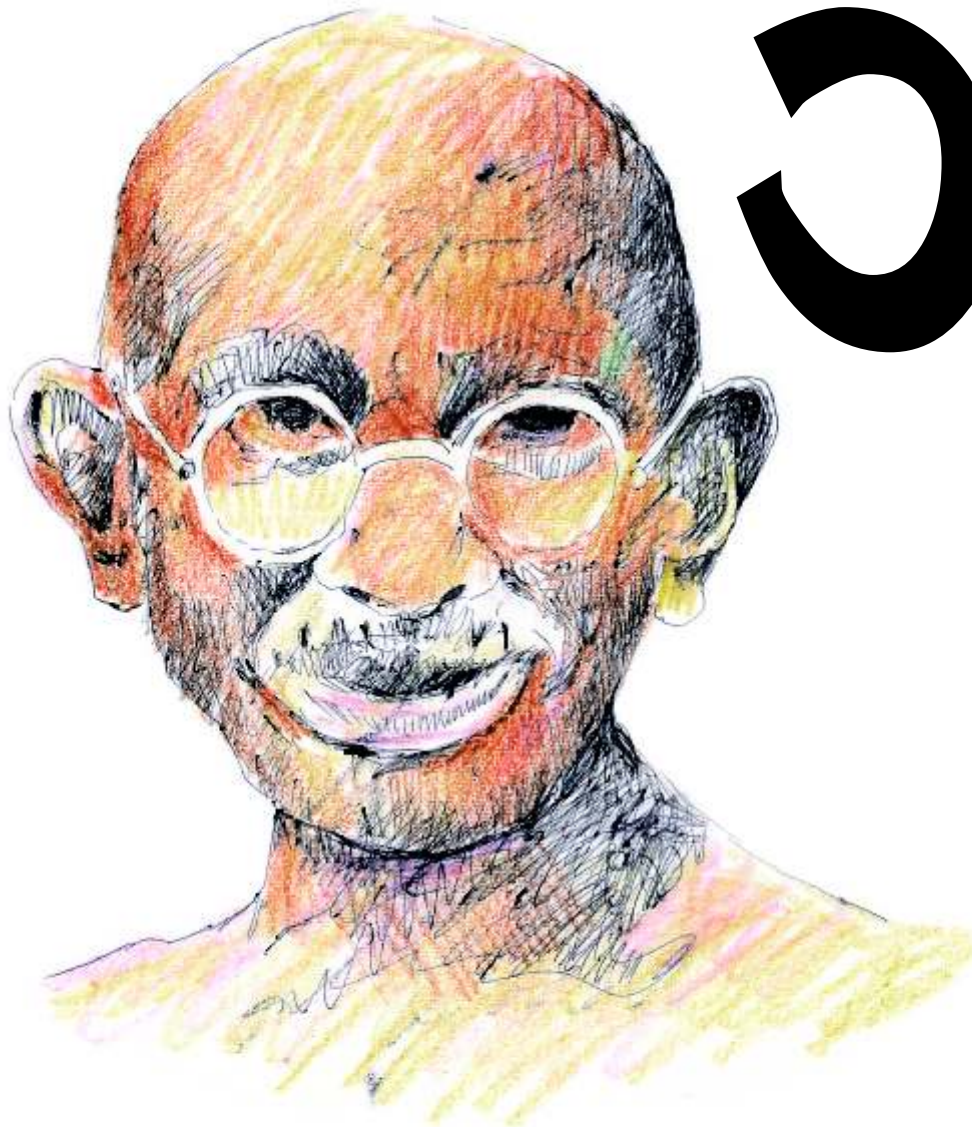
**Wildlife in Gujarat is different from the rest of India.**

**Jamnagar is famous for the Gir National Park. This park is home to the Asiatic Lion. A variety of birds are seen around Kamleshwar Dam.**

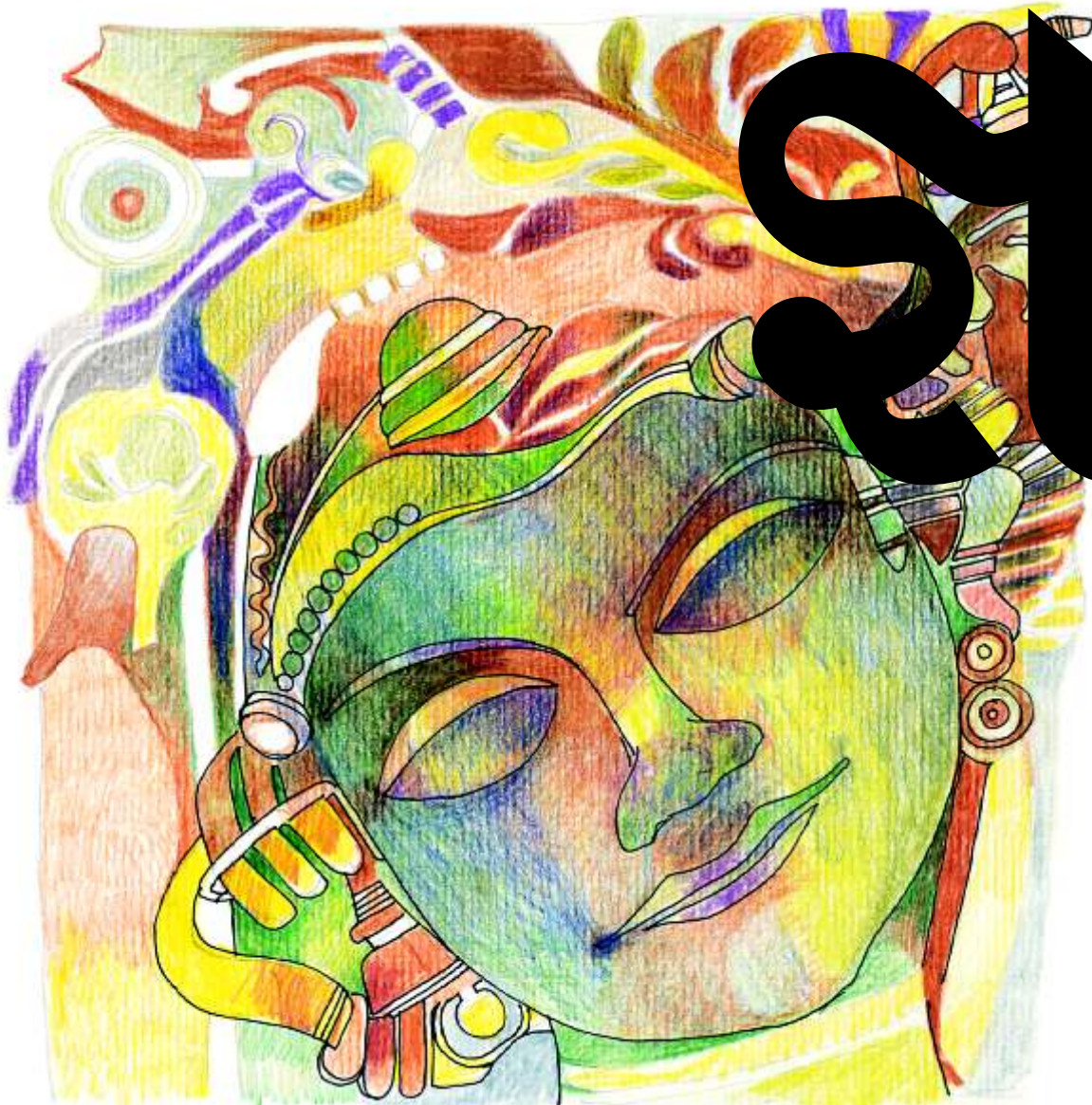


**Anand is an important town. It is the centre for the largest milk cooperative society founded by Mr. Verghese Kurien. It has helped thousands of villagers earn a better living.**



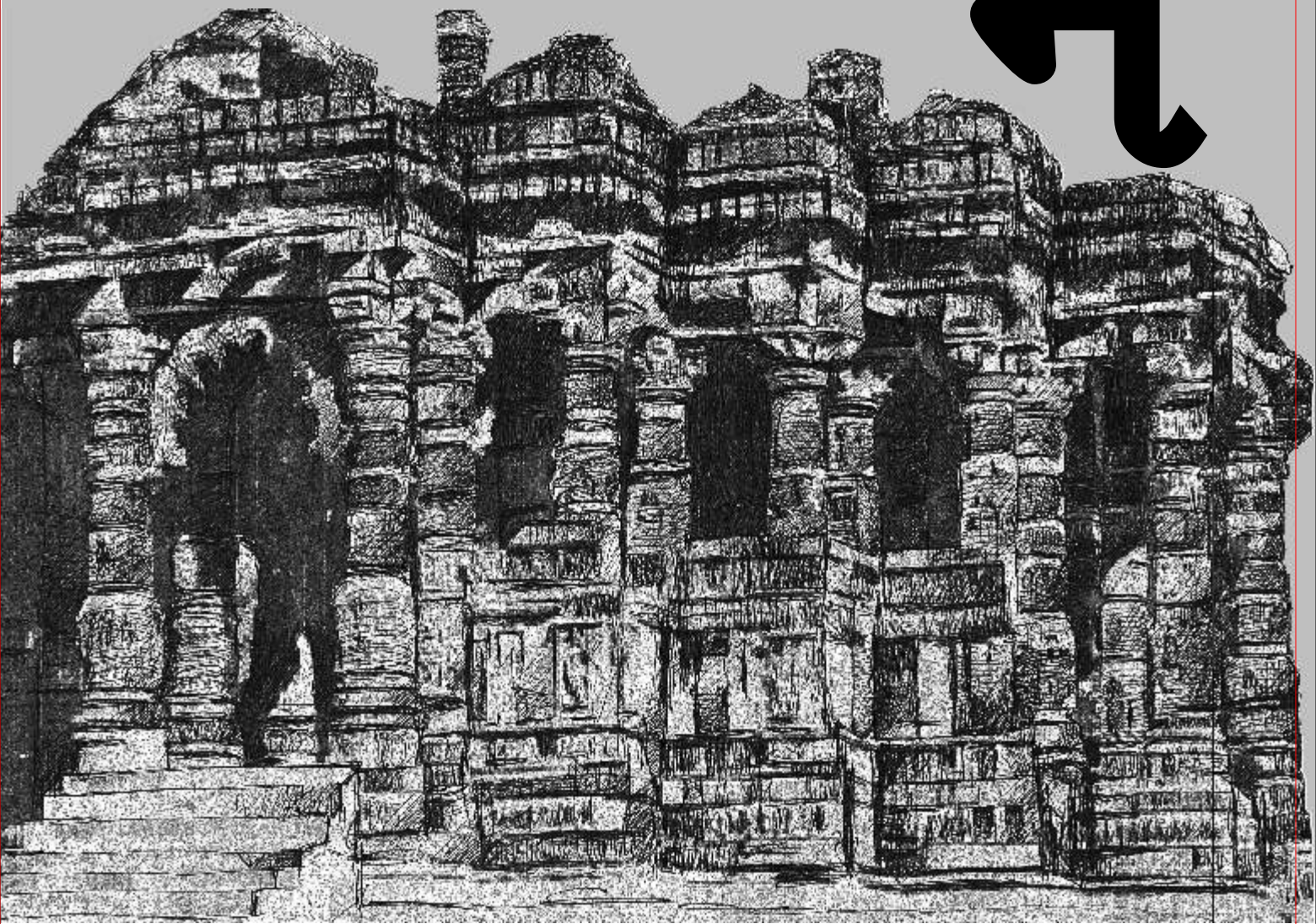


**Mohan Das Karam Chand Gandhi is known as the Father of the nation. He was born in Porbandar in 1869. He built the Sabarmati Ashram in 1917 on the banks of the river Sabarmati. Gandhi ji's contribution to India's freedom struggle will never be forgotten.**



**Gujarat has many fine museums. Calico Museum in Ahmedabad, Barton's Museum, Junagadh Museum and Baroda Museum give a glimpse of Gujarat's rich cultural heritage.**





**In north Gujarat, you will find a beautiful 11<sup>th</sup> century Sun Temple – the Modhera Temple. This was built by King Bhimdev in 1026. It is a fine example of temple architecture.**

## White Gold

Sukhibhai is helping his two children get dressed to go to school. His children are old enough to be in a school but all these years Sukhi could not send them to school. He needed their help to sell milk and look after the buffaloes.

Sukhibhai lives with his wife and two children in a small village in Kheda district in Gujarat. Sukhibhai had two buffaloes and used to sell their milk in the neighbourhood. Despite working very hard, he could barely manage to feed his family.

However, his situation has improved after he met Gulabben who introduced him to a milk co-operative collection center. Now he is a member of the co-operative and sells his milk directly to them. Every morning, people from the neighbouring villages bring small pots of milk to this collection centre. Milk is first tested for its fat content and then collected and transported to Amul Dairy for processing in Anand, a small town in Kheda district. After processing, the milk is packaged and transported to all parts of Gujarat and also to the adjoining states.

People from the village community maintain accounts and payments are made to the milk producers directly. In this way they are able to sell their milk more profitably. After becoming a member of the co-operative, Sukhibhai has saved enough money to purchase two more buffaloes. Amul is the largest milk co-operative located in Anand. It was founded by Dr. Kurien and is managed by the villagers of Gujarat.





**The Bull Race is a very famous sport in the fairs of Gujarat.**

**They call me naughty Satish, I wonder why! I just like to have fun. I also love to read story books!! I am 12 and study in class 6. Thank you for buying this book. My friends and I will get to read many more books in our library because you bought this book.**



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**A puppet from Gujarat**

